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Individuals Serving Life and Extended Sentences in the Bureau of Prisons Under the DC Code

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Life Sentence

Data on Persons Sentenced by Superior Court in BOP Custody Serving a Life Sentence

Total Number	**200**
Average Age	**56**
Median Age	**56**
Number of BOP Facilities	**51**
BOP Facilities Housing 10-19 lifers	**5**
BOP Facilities Housing 20 or more lifers	**0**
Facilities with largest number of lifers	**USP Tucson**
Number of lifers at USP Tucson	**13**

Type of Facility	Number of Persons
ADX	**10**
USP	**98**
FCI	**78**
RRC [1]	**3**
Medical	**11**
Other	**0**
Transfer	**0**

Gender	Total Number
Male	**198**
Female	**2**

Race	Total Number
Asian	**3**
Black	**192**
White	**5**

Age Range	Total Number
20-29	**0**
30-39	**6**
40-49	**39**
50-59	**89**
60-69	**48**
70-79	**18**
80 +	**1**

Note: Fourteen people currently listed as serving a life sentence have received sentence reductions. Eight will be released in 2026 and six will be released in 2027.

[1] RRC includes persons who are on home confinement.

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Extended Sentences

Data on Persons Sentenced by Superior Court in BOP Custody Serving Extended Sentences[2]

Total Number	**656**
Average Age	**45**
Median Age	**44**
Number of BOP Facilities	**82**
BOP Facilities housing 10-19 people with extended sentences	**15**
BOP Facilities housing 20 or more people with extended sentences	**6**
Facility with largest number of people with extended sentences	**FCI Fort Dix**
Number of people with extended sentences at FCI Fort Dix	**39**
Persons scheduled for release before October 1, 2027	**21**

Length of Sentence	Number of Persons
20-24 years	158
25-29 years	108
30-34 years	83
35-39 years	72
40-44 years	55
45-49 years	36
50-54 years	31
55-59 years	16
60-64 years	25
65-69 years	13
70-74 years	9
75-79 years	5
80-84 years	5
85-89 years	5
90-94 years	7
95-99 years	5
100-119 years	10
120 or more years	14

Race	Total Number
Asian	0
Black	622
Native American	1
White	33

Age Range	Total Number
20-29	39
30-39	180
40-49	237
50-59	117
60-69	73
70-79	10

Type of Facility	Number of Persons
ADX	7
USP	228
FCI	392
RRC[3]	8
Medical	21

Gender	Total Number
Male	646
Female	10

[2] Extended sentence is a sentence of 20 or more years not including a life sentence.

[3] RRC includes persons who are on home confinement.

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Facility Definitions

ADX – The administrative security US penitentiary located in Florence, Colorado, is a supermax or "control unit" prison, which provides a higher, more controlled level of custody than a maximum-security prison.

USP – High security institutions, known as United States Penitentiaries (USPs), have highly secured perimeters (featuring walls or reinforced fences), multiple- and single-occupant cell housing, high staff-to-inmate ratio, and close control of inmate movement. These institutions can house medium or high security level incarcerated persons.

FCI – Low security Federal Correctional Institutions (FCIs) have double-fenced perimeters, mostly dormitory or cubicle housing, and strong work and program components. Medium security FCIs (and USPs designated to house medium security inmates) have strengthened perimeters (often double fences with electronic detection systems), mostly cell-type housing, a wide variety of work and treatment programs.

RRM – Residential Reentry Management (RRM) offices administer contracts for community-based programs and serve as the local liaison with the federal courts, the U.S. Marshals Service, state and local corrections, and a variety of community groups within their specific judicial districts. RRM staff also monitor local Residential Reentry Centers (RRC).

RRC-- Residential Reentry Centers (RRC) which are responsible for providing community-based services that assist with reentry needs. RRCs are more commonly known as halfway houses.

Medical – Federal Medical Centers are prisons providing care to Care Level 4 inmates who are severely impaired and may require daily nursing care. Care Level 4 residents may suffer from cancer (in active treatment) or quadriplegia, require dialysis, or are undergoing or recovering from major surgery. Less than one percent of the Bureau's population is designated Medical Care Level 4.

Other – Institutions of varying security levels including camps, metropolitan detention centers, metropolitan correctional centers, and any other facilities operated by the federal Bureau of Prisons not otherwise on this list.

Transfer – An administrative security federal transfer center housing prisoners transported from one facility to another.

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